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TITLE OF INVENTION: TRACE MANAGEMENT IN CLIENT-SERVER APPLICATIONS

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Examiner

ANNA DENG

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/28/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,8-16 and 18-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/28/2007 has been entered.
2. The Drawing submitted on 11/29/2007 has been accepted by the examiner and placed in record.
3. The objection to Specification is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
4. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 to claim 1-14 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
5. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph to claim 3 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
6. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Nguyen et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0064731 A1) to claims 1-2, and 4-20 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
7. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nguyen et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0064731 A1), in view of Allan (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0005111 A1) to claim 3 is withdrawn in view of applicant's amendment.
8. Claims 1-3, 8-16, and 18 have been amendment (see Examiner Amendment below).
9. Claims 4-7, and 17 have been cancelled (see Examiner Amendment below).
10. Claims 1-3, 8-16, and 18-20 are pending.
11. Claims 1-3, 8-16, and 18-20 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

12. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Maura K. Moran (Reg. No. 31,859) on 3/21/2008 to place the application in condition for allowance.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 4-7, and 17 are cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 8-16, and 18 are amended as follows:

Per Claim 1:

Claim 1 is replaced as follow:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program ~~storage~~ product for generating an integrated trace output file on a system having a first computing device and a second computing device, the computer program ~~storage~~ product stored in a memory and being operable to cause a data processing apparatus to:

identify a first severity level for event detection at the first computing device;

detect a first event having the first severity level;

generate a first trace output at the first computing device,

wherein the first trace output documents the first event and the first severity level,

and

wherein the first severity level indicates whether the first trace output comprises a first error message, a first warning message, a first information message, or a first debug message;

identify a second severity level for event detection at the second computing device;

detect a second event having the second severity level;

generate a second trace output at the second computing device,

wherein the second trace output documents the second event and the second severity level, and

wherein the second severity level indicates whether the second trace output comprises a second error message, a second warning message, a second information message, or a second debug message;

transmit the first trace output to the second computing device;

and

integrate the second trace output with the first trace output to generate the integrated trace output file having the first trace output appended to the second trace output.

Per Claim 2:

Claim 2 is replaced as follow:

2. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

provide an agent for detecting an event at the second computing device.

Per Claim 3:

Claim 3 is replaced as follow:

3. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 2, wherein instructions to:

provide the agent further comprise instructions to employ executable code.

Per Claim 8:

Claim 8 is replaced as follow:

8. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

receive an active component trace output from the second computing device.

Per Claim 9:

Claim 9 is replaced as follow:

9. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 8, further comprising instructions to:

combine the active component trace output with the first trace output.

Per Claim 10:

Claim 10 is replaced as follow:

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, wherein the second trace output includes an active component trace output generated at the second computing device.

Per Claim 11:

Claim 11 is replaced as follow:

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, wherein the first computing device is a server and the second computing device is a client.

Per Claim 12:

Claim 12 is replaced as follow:

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, further comprising instructions to:

display the integrated trace output on the second computing device.

Per Claim 13:

Claim 13 is replaced as follow:

13. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 12, further comprising instructions to display the integrated trace output in a separate browser window.

Per Claim 14:

Claim 14 is replaced as follow:

14. (Currently Amended) The computer program ~~storage~~ product of claim 1, wherein the instructions to:

generate the integrated trace output file comprise instructions to integrate the second trace output with the first trace output in a chronological order.

Per Claim 15:

Claim 15 is replaced as follow:

15. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

detecting [[an]] a first event having a first severity level at a client;

generating a client-side trace output in response to [[the]] event detection at the client,

wherein the client-side trace output documents the first event and the first severity level,
and

wherein the first severity level indicates whether the client-side trace output comprises a
first error message, a first warning message, a first information message, or a
first debug message;

detecting a second event having a second severity level at a server;

generating a server-side trace output in response to event detection at the server,

wherein the server-side trace output documents the second event and the second
severity level, and

wherein the second severity level indicates whether the server-side trace output
comprises a second error message, a second warning message, a second
information message, or a second debug message;

transmitting the client-side trace output to [[a]] the server; and

integrating the client-side trace output with [[a]] the server-side trace output to generate an integrated trace output file, having the client-side trace output appended to the server-side trace output.

Per Claim 16:

Claim 16 is replaced as follow:

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the first event at the client device occurs while a user is interacting with an application program executing on the server.

Per Claim 18:

Claim 18 is replaced as follow:

18. (Currently Amended) A system stored in a memory for generating an integrated trace output file, the system comprising:

a client computer device comprising a client agent, including:

a client-side event detection module configured to detect [[an]] a first event having a first severity level at the client computer device;

a client-side trace output generation module configured to generate a client-side trace output in response to [[the]] event detection at the client computer device,
wherein the client-side trace output documents the first event and the first severity level, and

wherein the first severity level indicates whether the client-side trace output comprises a first error message, a first warning message, a first information message, or a first debug message; and

a client communication module configured to transmit the client-side trace output to a server computer device; and

the server computer device comprising a server agent, including:

a server-side event detection module configured to detect [[an]] a second event having a second severity level at the server computer device;

a server-side trace output generation module configured to generate a server-side trace output in response to [[the]] event detection at the server computer device,
wherein the server-side trace output documents the second event and the second severity level, and

wherein the second severity level indicates whether the server-side trace output comprises a second error message, a second warning message, a second information message, or a second debug message;

a server communication module configured to receive the client-side trace output from the client computer device; and

an integration module configured to generate an integrated trace output file by integrating the client-side trace output with the server-side trace output, the integrated trace output file[[,]] having the client-side trace output appended to the server-side trace output.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

13. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior arts taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, identify a first severity level for event detection at the first computing device; detect a first event having the first severity level; generate a first trace output at the first computing device, wherein the first trace output documents the first event and the first severity level, and wherein the first severity level indicates whether the first trace output comprises a first error message, a first warning message, a first information message, or a first debug message; identify a second severity level for event detection at the second computing device; detect a second event having the second severity level; generate a second trace output at the second computing device, wherein the second trace output documents the second event and the second severity level, and wherein the second severity level indicates whether the second trace output comprises a second error message, a second warning message, a second information message, or a second debug message; transmit the first trace output to the second computing device; and integrate the second trace output with the first trace output to generate the integrated trace output file

having the first trace output appended to the second trace output as recite in the independent claims 1, 15, and 18.

The closest cited prior art, the combination of Nguyen et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0064731 A1), and Allan (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0005111 A1) teaches a computer product for generating an integrated trace output file on a system having first computing device and a second computing device. However, the combination of Nguyen et al. (US Patent Application Publication 2004/0064731 A1), and Allan (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0005111 A1) fails to teach identify a first severity level for event detection at the first computing device; detect a first event having the first severity level; generate a first trace output at the first computing device, wherein the first trace output documents the first event and the first severity level, and wherein the first severity level indicates whether the first trace output comprises a first error message, a first warning message, a first information message, or a first debug message; identify a second severity level for event detection at the second computing device; detect a second event having the second severity level; generate a second trace output at the second computing device, wherein the second trace output documents the second event and the second severity level, and wherein the second severity level indicates whether the second trace output comprises a second error message, a second warning message, a second information message, or a second debug message; transmit the first trace output to the second computing device; and integrate the second trace output with the first trace output to generate the integrated trace output file having the first trace output appended to the second trace output as recite in the independent claims 1, 15, and 18, also as pointed out by applicant's Remarks on page 13-14.

These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims 1-3, 8-16, and 18-20 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anna Deng whose telephone number is 571-272-5989. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Fridays 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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